



JHC

JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE KEEP FAITH

8 November 2024



**James Hargest  
College Dux  
Charlotte Dassen**



## Principal's Comment



Mike Newell  
Principal

### Kia ora e te whānau,

Over the past few weeks we have had many events celebrating our students' achievements and success. In week 2 of the term the annual Youthmark Awards evening was held at the Ascot and 13 of our JHC Year 13 students were recognised for their significant achievements, leadership and service. In the same week our Blues Evening recognised a vast array of high performance in Sport, The Arts, Cultural and Service areas. Last week's Senior Prize Giving was a remarkable evening and another reason for us to be incredibly proud of our students' achievements. My congratulations to this year's Dux, Charlotte Dassen.

This week 23 of our Year 13 were awarded ILT Scholarship which will assist with their future tertiary studies. Finally on Tuesday night many of our sports men and women were nominated in the various categories at the Southland Secondary Schools Sports Awards. My congratulations to Alexander Sandiford who won the Contribution to Sport Category and Caitlin Crawford who was awarded ILT Participation Winner. Congratulations to Riley Faulkner who was Highly Commended Senior Sports person of the Year and Alison Tweedie, Highly Commended Junior Sports person.

This week our senior students began their NCEA external examinations and I wish them every success and trust that all of their study and hard work is duly rewarded. Likewise, our Year 9 and 10 students are also sitting their end of year exams.

The last of our Outdoor Education camps are underway with our Year 9 classes at Borland Lodge. School camps are a key part of growing up in NZ with the experiences and challenges on offer in our unique natural environments. A big thank you to our staff and parent volunteers that are making this all possible for our students.

Recently I had the pleasure of announcing our Head Students for 2025. In addition to this we have named 8 additional Prefects in an acknowledgement of the high calibre of student leaders we have in our kura. They are featured further in this newsletter.

Last Friday our Kapa Haka Rōpu from the Junior Campus performed at the Ngā Pūtangitangi competitions. They performed with mana, power and poise and it was a special treat for those there to witness it live.


Gumboot Friday saw a change of footwear from sneakers to gumboots at the Junior Campus, to raise funds and awareness

of supporting youth mental health. To finish the day, students enjoyed gumboot related activities, including games such as Gumboot Kick and Gumboot Knockdown.

During the first couple of weeks of the term, our Year 7 and 8s participated in a writing research project led by the Curriculum Insights Group. This involved completing writing samples by hand and online, which will be marked by AI and external moderators. We look forward to receiving the results, which will help to inform our campus wide moderation processes and next teaching steps.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Mr Paul Redmond who has been appointed to the position of Assistant Principal based on the Senior Campus. Mr Redmond is an experienced Dean and his high standards, expectations and passion for JHC will ensure he makes a valuable contribution to our school.

Nga mihi  
Mike Newell  
Principal



JAMES HARGEST  
COLLEGE

# JHC PTA

WANT TO HAVE YOUR SAY?  
JOIN THE PTA!

- 1 MEETING PER TERM
- 1 AGM PER YEAR
- 1 OPEN DAY PER YEAR
- 2 UNIFORM 'BUY & SELLS' PER YEAR

**NO FUNDRAISING!**

JHC PTA IS FUNDED BY A \$15 DONATION PER STUDENT, PER YEAR

# PTA Report



Jo Wilson  
PTA Chairperson

## Kia ora from the PTA

As the school year starts to wrap up the PTA wishes all those who are sitting exams the very best of luck, take your time and strive to do your best.

We would like to acknowledge all students who are leaving James Hargest to start their next chapter. Continue to reach your full potential, hold high expectations of yourself and be proud of the journey that has led you to be the person you are today. It was so nice to hear such positive feedback from staff from the Year 13s farewell. I have to admit I enjoy listening the bag pipes as they were walked out of the school grounds. So many high fives, cheers and smiles. It was mentioned that the day was full of lots of emotions, some tears, as staff and our leavers shared stories and said their goodbyes.

## *Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te rangatiratanga mo nga uri whakatipu.*

*Foster the pathway of knowledge to strength, independence and growth for future generations.*

Remember to mark on your calendar Tuesday 10th December 2023 and

Thursday 23rd January 2024 for the PTA Buy Back and Uniform Sale. More information will be sent out closer to the time. **Please make sure any uniform coming in has been washed, has no holes, rips/tears, or stains. Blazers and kilts must be dry cleaned with the ticket attached please!**

Ngā mihi  
Jo Wilson and the PTA Team

## PTA Buy Back and Uniform Sales

**Tuesday 10th December 2024**  
**Buy Back 4:00pm - 5:00pm**  
**Uniform Sale 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Thursday 23rd January 2025**  
**Buy Back 4:00pm - 5:00pm**  
**Uniform Sale 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

## From the Boardroom



Toni Green  
BOT Presiding Member

## Kia ora koutou,

Term Four is always a busy one at James Hargest College. Full of projects, camps, trips, tournament week, exams, celebrations and farewells, there are a myriad of things happening at any one time. Last week we bid farewell to our Year 13s who are about to embark on their own next steps, for the first time out of the structure and routine school provides. We wish them all the very best as they move forward into their future. I thought the words of the Year 13 speaker at Prize Giving, Emerson

Dahldavis, were pertinent and wise, "don't say no - just say yes". Stepping outside your comfort zone can be daunting, but wonderful experiences exist if you just "say yes" and make them happen.

The Board extends our congratulations to all prize winners. Your hard work has paid off and you deserve the accolades you have received. There are some very special awards presented and those Year 13 students who now have their names on those trophies can look back at the previous winners and know they are joining a legacy of Hargest students who started here. We are very proud of all of you and will continue to follow your successes and claim you as our own.

The Board has farewelled Ishaan Boon as Student Representative. Ishaan has been a wonderful representative for the study body. He has been reliable, honest, articulate and able to contribute with utmost integrity to all discussions. Thank you Ishaan and best wishes from the Board for the next stage.

The Board also wishes to extend our welcome to the new Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. From a strong field of students keen to be involved, Ben Hargest was voted in to represent his peers. Well done Ben.

At his first meeting, Ben shared that Brigadier James Hargest is his great, great uncle which is a special family connection to our school. He also prepared a thorough student report of events happening around the school. These included exams, speech competitions, House events, activity days, Blues awards and peer support. We are grateful for Ben's perspectives and look forward to working with him over the next year.

Best wishes to all students for the exam season and the events coming up in the next month as the school year races to the finish line.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Toni Green

## *BOT Presiding Member*

*Below: Outgoing BOT Student Representative Ishaan Boon, left and incoming Representative Ben Hargest.*





# Introducing some of our TA team

## Senior Campus



**Shaun Kempton**  
I'm Shaun Kempton. I'm at the Rugby Southland academy and at the end of next year I'm joining the Highlanders to train. I enjoy working at JHC as a teacher aide and hope to come back at some stage.



**Theresa Linder**  
Kia Ora my name is Theresa, I am enjoying working in the Student Support Centre as a Teacher Aide. I have been working beside young people for the past 27 years, assisting them with literacy, maths and life skills.



**Jodie Muir**  
I have been working as a teacher aide at JHC for the past year and I absolutely love my role. The challenges I face daily are incredibly rewarding and the opportunity to support both students and teachers has been a fulfilling and inspiring experience.



**Megan O'Brien**  
At the start of this term the International Department welcomed Whaea Megan O'Brien to the staff. Megan's role includes assisting students especially to get involved in extracurricular activities along with any day to day support they might need. We are thrilled to have Megan as part of our team.



**Asheleigh Papiah**  
Hi there! My name is Asheleigh Papiah and I am a proud new member of the James Hargest team. In the short time I have been appointed as teachers aide,I have grown incredibly fond of the amazing students and wonderful team.Outside of school I enjoy nothing more than spending quality time with my husband and sons exploring our new home.



**Kylie Turner**  
Hi my name is Kylie and I joined the JHC whanau as a Teacher Aide in term 3. I love working with the students and the diversity of the job. Outside of work, I enjoy crafting, baking and spending time with my family.



**Julie White**  
Hi my name is Julie White. I have been a teacher aid at James Hargest since Feb 2024. I enjoy my job helping students and the positive challenges it brings. Born and bred Southlander. Married to Joe, we have a son and daughter and 3 little granddaughters. My hobbies are camping, gardening and house renovating.



**Jocelyn Reeves**  
After a 4 year stint as a multi-subject Teacher Aide Jocelyn Reeves sadly called time at the end of Term 3. While at JHC Ms Reeves was well-respected for her encyclopedic knowledge of the sciences and her caring contribution in the ESOL department while working with our International students. Her dry wit and astute observations will be missed and we wish Ms Reeves all the best with her post-JHC endeavours.

# 2025 House Captains

Congratulations to the follwing students:

Hamilton	Menzies	Thomson	Watson
Hannah Tufui	Ben Richardson	Katie Oliver	Amanda Henderson
Riley Faulkner	Felix Huynh	Niamh Hegan	Chloe Savage
Hamish McKenzie	Shalom Naitau	Bea Christie	Hamish Wallace
Ollie Wilkinson	Libby Crawford	Holly Keary	Jonathan Blyth

# Staff Welcome

## Junior Campus

### Jo Toogood

We are delighted to have Jo Toogood join us at the Junior Campus as our new Office Manager. We appreciate the finance and organisational skills she has brought to the role, having previously worked as the Manager of Finance Now Lending Centre. In her spare time Jo loves to socialise, keep fit, knit, read, get into the garden and you can't miss her love of fashion and colour. If you pop into the office, you will quickly realise that Jo loves people and enjoys a good chat. Welcome to the team Jo. Kei runga noa atu koe - we're lucky to have you!



### Bronwyn Graham

We are thrilled to have Bronwyn join us for the term, as one of our specialist Science teachers and appreciate how quickly she has slotted into the team. In her previous role she was an Environmental Educator at the Southland Community Nursery and has spent this year completing her Diploma of Teacher Training. In her spare time, Bronwyn enjoys reading a good book, caravanning and being outdoors and did you know that she once patted a white rhino in South Africa? Welcome Bronwyn, ka rawe tō mahi!



## Cups and Trophies



Can all cups and trophies awarded at Prizegiving in 2023 now be returned to the Main Office at both the Senior and Junior Campus. Year 9's may return trophies they received in Year 8 to the Senior Campus office and we will get them to the Junior Campus.

## YEAR 9 CAMP DATES

### Week 5

11 - 13 Nov T9CBN, H9DC  
13 - 15 Nov W9BBS, T9AJZ

### Week 6

18 - 20 Nov H9NJJN, W9NMS  
20 - 22 Nov W9PSH, T9SDP

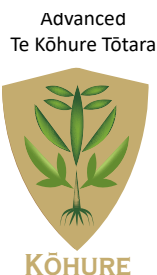
## 2024 Term Dates

**Term 4:** Thursday 14 November: Last Day for Year 11s  
Last day of classes: Friday 6 December

# Year 11 Exams

**Tuesday 12 November** English (all Year 11 students) **9.30am**  
**Wednesday 13 November** Science (Wiffen and MacDiarmid) **9.00am**

Brigadier's  
Diploma





# Whānau Report

**Kua hinga he tētē kura, kua tū mai he tētē kura!**

*When a leader falls, another leader takes their place!*

Neiā tonu te mihi. Tēnā tātou.

As well as school examinations, this is the time to acknowledge the successes and recognise the contributions of our students. Particularly our year 13 Kapa Haka students. Azealia Sellwood, in her role as the Kaitātaki Wāhine (female leader) for our Kapa during the Southland Polyfest was well supported and encouraged by fellow year 13 students Keita Ruwhiu, Iara Pekar, Bailey Reader and Madison McKinley. Ryan McAllister who has lead our Kapa faultlessly as Kaitataki Tāne (male leader) has always had his right-hand man beside him, the

unstoppable Reihana Unahi. Mā te huruhuru te manu ka rere - 'With feathers a bird will fly'.

The final official duty for 2024 was to perform at the Tour of Southland opening on Sunday the 3rd of November. This was a very prestigious appointment and one that our kapa is very grateful to have been involved in. A big thank you to Andrew Moreton for making this a realization.

Upcoming -

Te Matatini (Kapa Haka World Championship) at Pukekura Park in Ngā Motu/New Plymouth, from the 24th of February to the 2nd of March 2025.

Hei kona mai.

Matua Neitana



Matua Neitana Tane



## International Students

16 of our International students were lucky to have an overnight adventure at Stewart Island during the holidays. Kiwi hunting, a trip to Ulva Island, a bush walk and fish'n'chips were on the agenda during this trip of a lifetime. For many, this experience and environment was so vastly different from their home countries and adds to their kete of memories from their time here in the Deep South. A big thank you to Mr Mark Calder and Miss Koren Taylor for giving up their holiday time to take the students on this adventure.







## Southland Secondary School Sports Awards

*Congratulations to the following students who were named as finalists for the recent Southland Secondary School Sports Awards.*

### Junior Sportswoman of the Year

Alison Tweedie (highly commended)

### Junior Sportsman of the Year

Cooper Gough

Will Brown

### Participation Award

Caitlin Crawford (winner, *pic. top left*)

Will Brown

### Contribution Award

Alexander Sandiford (winner, *pic. middle left*)

Hamish McKenzie

### Senior Sportswoman of the Year

Riley Faulkner (highly commended)

Libby Crawford

## Top Performers

*The following students were recognised as Top Performers for 2024. These awards are for students nominated by the Regional Sports Bodies and/or Southland Secondary School Sport, as the best athlete in that sport for the 2024 year.*

**Badminton**      Phuong Nhi Nguyen

Blake Griffiths

**Cricket**      Charlotte Morris

**Disc Golf**      Alison Tweedie

**Football**      Zach Tull

**Netball**      Libby Crawford

### Smallbore Rifle Shooting

Flyn Russell

**Swimming**      Caitlin Crawford

**Touch**      Aneeka Fosbender

*Below, back L-R: Mr Newell, Mr Carstensen, Hamish McKenzie, Libby Crawford Will Brown, Mr Warrender. Front L-R: Alexander Sandiford, Cooper Gough, Alison Tweedie, Riley Faulkner, Caitlin Crawford, Mrs Cowie*



*Above L-R: Flyn Russell, Phuong Nhi Nguyen, Charlotte Morris, Zach Tull, Aneeka Fosbender*



## Head Students 2025



### Congratulations

We are thrilled to announce our Head Students for 2025. We know they are all outstanding role models who will do a fantastic job. Mīharo mahi e koutou katoa.

Head Boy: Caleb Devery  
Deputy Head Boy: Samuel Elder  
Head Girl: Lucy Thomas  
Deputy Head Girl: Macey Ellis

*Back row L-R, 2024 Head Students Devon Pirini, Keita Ruwhiu, Jess Ballantyne, Ryan McAllister. Front row L-R: Caleb Devery, Lucy Thomas, Macey Ellis, Samuel Elder, Mr Newell*

## James Hargest College inaugural Prefects



*Back row l-r: Ben Richardson, Ollie Wilkinson, Mr Newell, Lucas McNaught, Hamish McKenzie, Front row l-r: Libby Crawford, Katie Oliver, Amanda Henderson, Maria Simpson*

These outstanding rangatahi have been named our inaugural Prefects at JHC. They offer a range of skills and attributes which will contribute to the leadership of our kura. We look forward to working with them on their specific areas of responsibility.



# Senior Prize Giving 2024

“Don’t say no, just say yes.” *Excerpt from Year 13 Speaker Emerson Dahldavis’ speech*

When I first came to this school three years ago, I was the new American kid. I had no idea where I fit in or what I was going to do with myself. So I just did everything. I thought that if I got involved enough in the school and my community, eventually I would find my place. When asked if I was going to audition for Sheilah Winn, I said yes. Even though I didn’t get in the year before and I had barely ever touched Shakespeare. When I saw a notice for Youth Council applications I thought- I could do that. Even though I had no idea how New Zealand Government worked. When I got the email asking for math tutors, I thought well I have a free study. Even though I’m terrible at fractions and Year 10s scare me. I had no idea if I was good enough for any of

these things. But even so, I said yes, I went for it, and now I’ve found things I really enjoy. A quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson- he’s so wise, is, “Always do what you are afraid to do” If the only thing keeping you from signing up for something is that you’re scared or you think you aren’t good enough, just go for it. You are good enough, because you’ve signed up. You’ve said yes and taken the first step. I won’t pretend like I never said no. We’ve all experienced burnout and moments of self doubt and I’m no exception- let’s face it, school is hard work even without extra curriculums. Saying yes, doesn’t have to be on a huge scale. It can be just getting involved in your community, building the life you want, finding your place.

I found my place here at James Hargest- it wasn’t immediate and it didn’t just happen. I made it happen by saying yes and getting involved. I had no idea what I was doing or where I was headed. I just started doing stuff. And I think that is one of the most important lessons to be learned as we head off into the future. Let’s be honest none of us know what’s going to happen. Whether it’s going to uni, getting a job, taking a gap year, we don’t know what awaits us. So before we find our place we just need to start getting involved. When the future is there, asking if you are ready, don’t say no, just say yes.

*Emerson Dahldavis*



## LEO Club 2024 - it’s a wrap!

THE JHC LEO Club 2024 have had a great year. They have learnt a lot about service, giving back to the community and ways to make a difference. They have also learnt about event management, reliability, organisation and leadership. Congratulations to the leadership team for their ongoing work. Some of the leaders really stood out, turning up to all events and covering when others were absent. The actions and willingness to see a project through from the start to the very finish is what really makes a leader and the LEO Club has been fortunate to have some awesome individuals who have done that this year. Those of you who have been true leaders in LEO this year should be very proud of yourselves. You have made a huge difference to our school, our community, our country and the wider world through your donations.

The LEO leadership team have decided to use some of the funds raised to donate to the National Kiwi Hatchery which focuses on conservation and preservation of kiwi. The LEO Club have paid to hatch and name a kiwi chick. On average it takes 78 days of incubation before the egg hatches and a new kiwi chick joins the world. The LEO kiwi chick will then live at the Hatchery for up to five months before going back to its home forest. The donation covers: up to 3 months of incubation, food for up to 5 months to get to ‘stoat proof’ weight, brooder box, outdoor pen, veterinary checks, medication and staff care.

When our chick hatches, we will be given an update to let us know how the hatch went and we will be sent a photo of our

newly hatched kiwi chick! We will also receive a second update and photo as our chick gets ready to be released back into its home forest! We look forward to following the JHC Kiwi.

The following charities have benefitted from the LEO Club’s mahi this year:

**Sponsorship of a Kiwi - \$2787**  
**Red Cross New Zealand - \$1500**  
**Doctors Without Borders - \$1500**  
**Koru Care - \$1500**

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to any of the events this year. From bake sales to BBQ’s, there have been many opportunities to contribute and help make things better in our community. The Lions motto is “we serve” and our club and our school can be very proud of our mahi this year.



## Can Drive

The LEO Club organised a can drive to contribute to the Salvation Army Food Bank. We donated an impressive 330kg of food! Thanks to all who contributed - it makes a big difference.



# Senior Prize Giving 2024 Special Awards

## Celebrating Excellence For achievements in 2024



**The Cultural Trophy** – to the student who has consistently aided cultural activities in the school. Joint recipients

**Roland Cameron** and  
**Emerson Dahldavis** *Top left, L-R*

**The Dickson Cup for Service** – to the student who has shown concern for his fellow students through school based activities

**George Manson** *Top right*

**The Keep Faith Trophy** – in memory of Sara Loo, a Year 13 student who died in 2010 after a courageous battle with Meningococcal Septicemia. Sara was a young woman of faith and spirit who was faithful to her own values and those of our school. She had a spirit of positivity, generosity, determination and humour. This award is presented to the Year 13 student who best exemplifies these attributes:

**Ryan McAllister** *Middle left*

**The Edwards Cup** – to the Year 13 girl for all round ability and contribution to school life in the academic, sporting and cultural fields:

**Charlotte Dassen** *Pictured overleaf*

**The Johnstone Cup** – to the Year 13 boy for all round ability and contribution to school life in the academic, sporting and cultural fields:

**Devon Pirini** *Middle left*

**The Brigadier's Plate** – Donated to memorialise the bravery of French resistance workers who assisted with the escape of Brigadier James Hargest in 1943. Awarded to the student who has demonstrated Academic excellence and all round contribution.

**Sophie Byrne** *Bottom right*

**The Hargest Memorial Scholarship** for consistent contribution to the Sporting, Cultural and Academic life of the school during their time at James Hargest College

**Reihana Unahi** *Bottom left*



**The Max Bradley Cup for Singing** awarded to **Madison McKinley** with previous recipient a year or two ago - **Nathan Tane!** *right*





# Top Scholars in Year 12 & 13



## THE JAMES HARGEST COLLEGE DUX 2024

Distinction and 2nd= Classical Studies

Distinction and 1st= Digital Technology Media

Distinction and 1st= History

Distinction and 1st= Media Studies

Distinction and 1st English and the Gray Prize

and Industry

Charlotte Dassen (pic. left middle)



## Top Scholar of Year 12

Distinction and 1st= Year 11 Accounting  
Distinction and 1st Year 11 English  
Distinction and 1st Level 2 Biology  
Distinction and 1st Level 2 Chemistry  
Distinction and 1st Level 2 Mathematics  
Distinction and 1st Level 2 Physics  
and Industry

Natalie Snoek (Year 11) (pic. left)

## PROXIME ACCESSIT

Distinction and 3rd Biology

Distinction and 1st Chemistry  
and the Lineham Cup and the NZ  
Aluminium Smelter's Prize

Distinction and 1st Physics and the  
NZ Aluminium Smelter's Prize

Distinction and 1st Spanish  
and Industry

Sarah Hay (pic. below)



Head Boys having a  
leadership kōrero.  
Left, L-R: Samuel Elder,  
Devon Pirini, Ryan  
McAllister, Caleb Devery.

# CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE Blues Awards 2024

Blues are a recognition of success at the elite level in each field. The criteria differs for each activity and all those celebrated have achieved significant success in their chosen field.

## Cultural Blues

<b>Service Āwhina</b>	Sophie Byrne Roland Cameron Ryan McAllister George Manson George Shirley Ryan Smith
<b>Brass Band</b>	Daniel Saunders Hannah Wilson
<b>Chamber Music</b>	Samara Beck John Chesney Luke Hartley Daniel Saunders
<b>Chess</b>	Hasanli Hewa Babaranda
<b>Dance</b>	George Shirley

<b>Debating</b>	Ivy Turner Roland Cameron Natalie Snoek
<b>Drama</b>	Luke Bottger Rashini Fernando Desandi Fonseka Addison Robertson
<b>Jazz Band</b>	Samara Beck Lachlan Calvert John Chesney Hannah Dick Luke Hartley Jotaro Matsuo Daniel Saunders Olivia Scarlett Ollie Wilkinson Ryan McAllister
<b>Kapa Haka</b>	

<b>Music</b>	Keita Ruwhiu John Chesney Daniel Saunders
<b>Technical</b>	Cameron Labes George Manson

## New Zealand Representatives

<b>National Youth Pipe Band</b>	Lachlan Checketts Cameron Fraser Daniel Saunders
<b>Brass Band</b>	

## Sporting Blues

<b>Aerobics</b>	Brooke Acker Pyper Brown Jasmine Caudwell Lucy Cooper Sam Schol Katelyn Street-Wilson Ivy Turner Emma Winder
<b>Artistic Swimming</b>	Ruby Goodall
<b>Athletics</b>	Will Brown Bea Christie
<b>Badminton</b>	Blake Griffiths Phuong Nhi Nguyen Lucy Raines Paige Raines
<b>Basketball</b>	Caitlin Crawford Libby Crawford Brooke Cross Katie Oliver Max Thompson William Jack
<b>Bowls</b>	Zoe Beck
<b>Cricket</b>	Charlotte Morris
<b>Cycling</b>	Jonathan Blyth Finn Edwards Riley Faulkner

<b>Disc Golf</b>	Emily Forsyth Zadie Scott Hamish Wallace Fino Youngdaeng George Manson Alex Borrie
<b>Football</b>	Alison Tweedie Harrison Berkers William Berkers Darren Chen James Fleming Kaide Owen-Eales Sam Sheppard
<b>Hockey</b>	Caleb Devery Emily Kean Madeleine Lawlor Robson McKee Charlotte Morris Ben O'Connor Ryan Smith Tylah Templer
<b>Mountain Biking</b>	Blake Cooper
<b>Netball</b>	Elly Baird (pic) Libby Crawford Brooke Cross Hamish McKenzie Katie Oliver Hannah Tufui
<b>Orienteerina</b>	Trinity Duncan

<b>Rowing</b>	Isla Scott Sophie Cundall Ella Norman
<b>Rugby</b>	Ella Norman Natasha Santos-O'Connell Jack Seeler
<b>Rugby League</b>	Allan Raymond Jessica Raymond Taimani Tuivailala Wagener
<b>Smallbore Rifle Shooting</b>	Blake Cooper
<b>Squash</b>	Braedyn Dykes Keira Giles
<b>Swimming</b>	Caitlin Crawford Gabriel de Oliveira Olivia Johnson
<b>Tennis</b>	Libby Crawford
<b>Touch</b>	Elly Baird Aneeka Fosbender Natasha Santos-O'Connell Kyra Savory Harlan Te Wiki
<b>Volleyball</b>	Aston Couper Samuel Mikkelsen
<b>Water Polo</b>	Hamish McKenzie



## New Zealand Representatives

<b>Artistic Swimming</b>	Ruby Goodall
<b>Cycling</b>	Ryley Faulkner Zadie Scott
<b>Aerobics</b>	Lucy Cooper Pyper Brown



Because of this country's diverse history, the stories that many of us grew up with are the fables and legends of other places. Some of these tales have a basis in fact, others were made up to amuse bored children on a rainy afternoon but they are all a source of entertainment, especially when muddled together.

**So, in an offering to the ever-growing artistic culture of our land, James Hargest College presented our Not So Major Production – “The Key”.**

**Audiences appreciated the talent of the performers and the more discerning (or possibly geeky) picked up on the clues and references provided throughout the show.**

THE NOT SO MAJOR  
PRODUCTION

# The Key

By David Pottinger



# Pamela Latham Senior Writing Prize Winner 2024

## Doomsday by Riley Ferguson

Every day, 7:30, Doomsday blares.

I used to cop a lot but never copped no drop

The tune, though cheerful, reminds me-  
My comfort without responsibility is rapidly fleeting.

While he tells me in woven webs of entendres and humour,  
about cash and skills,  
all I hear is – I can't hide from decisions forever.

Stop and stick around, come through and dig the sound

I retreat within the solace of sheets,  
like a child in the midst of a thunderstorm-  
I won't listen, I don't want to.  
Let me remain for just a while longer.  
Let me ignore the forward march, just a while longer.

I'd like to take "Mens to the End" for two milli'

And after all, why shouldn't I?  
I've done my time.  
13 years I'll have you know!  
And yet, while I don't want to wake up,  
Growing up sounds even scarier.

Stay in the zone, turn H2O to Cognac

And after all, what better way to hide from doing something  
than to do nothing at all?

Once upon a past year, I hid from school to play games  
Long since, I began hiding from myself

Definition: "Super-Villain": a killer who love children

Mere months ago, I thought university was my path,  
the dollar signs almost making me drool.  
And yet, as time went on, I realised-  
I never cared about the degree.

So why not get a job?

One who is skilled in destruction, as well as building

A job? I'm too young to be thinking about that.

Why can't you just let me think about what I'm going to talk to  
my friends about at school tomorrow?  
Maybe we'll walk home after school

**No.**

They don't walk anymore.  
They drive around in their nice cars now, whilst I bike to and  
from school  
Well, maybe when we all get home?  
We can hop on a game and play for hours on end?

**No.**

They have their own obligations, grown up things.

A pied piper holler a rhyme, a dollar and a dime

Why? Why would they leave me?  
At least there's the weekend.  
We can meet up, hang about, and forget where we're  
supposed to be?

**No.**

They have jobs to go to.  
No. Why?  
Why would you choose them over me?

I do wish I had money right now though...  
But jobs are grown up things, and I'm not old enough to be  
thinking about that

Do his thing, ring around the white collar crime

I can't breathe.  
Things are moving too fast-  
Can we slow down for a minute?

**No.**

Days disappear like sand through outstretched fingers,  
The weekends feel like they should be longer,  
yet they only seem to get shorter.

Mums been nagging at me for months now  
"Get a job"  
"What are you going to study at University next year?"  
"What are you going to do next year?"

I don't know  
please stop asking.  
I don't want to think about it-  
It's too grown up of a decision for me to make-  
Just let me keep sleeping the days away.  
Missing classes  
Missing my last chances to make memories here  
Missing the chance to make something of myself.

Get out my face askin' bout my case, need toothpaste

I guess I can rest a little longer,  
What's another late entry on my attendance?  
After all, I have all the time in the world to make the choice.  
The choice of what I'm going to do.

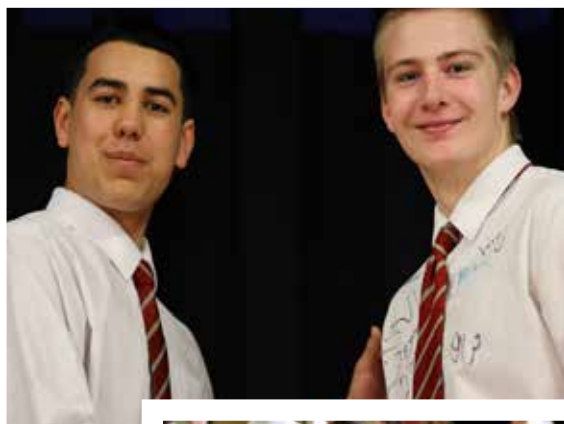
But I don't  
Even I know that much is true.  
Still, I'll do my best to ignore it.

So here I'll stay, while Doomsday plays,  
wrapped up tightly under my sheets.

I won't greet the day, because acknowledging something  
makes it real,  
and today isn't. I'll make sure of it.

Real mens mind their own business





## Farewell Year 13s

Last week we bid farewell to the class of 2024. It was a lovely morning of celebration, reminiscing and looking towards the future. It even featured a lovely musical interlude from Ryan and Devon. We wish all of our students the very best with the next stage of their journey. Keep Faith!



ENGLISH

<b>Year 11:</b> Achieve your unfamiliar text goals - knowing what is expected of you at each achievement level and how to ensure you do what is expected	E15	Week Five, Term Four Monday 11 November 2024, 1.30pm  <b>Level One Exam is on Tuesday 12 November 2024, morning</b>	Lunchtime
<b>Scholarship:</b>	E13 (Ms Whatley) E15 (Miss Pickering) or English Office	Week Six, Term Four Monday 18 November 2024 Pop in / email us at any point if / as you need.	Pop in from 11.30am onwards with any questions / discussions you want to have prior to your exam on Wednesday

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WEEK 5 11-15 November	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Year 11 Finish	Friday New Entrant Day
Period 1			CPN French L3		
Period 2	CPN French L2			CPN French L2	
Period 3	CPN French L3			CPN French L2	

WEEK 6 18-22 November	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Period 1			CPN French L3		
Period 3	CPN French L3			CPN French L3	

WEEK 7 25-29 November	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Year 11 Finish	Friday New Entrant Day
Period 1		CPN French L3			
Period 3	CPN French L3				

MUSIC



<b>Year 13/Level 3 Music</b>		
<b>Music Studies (theory):</b>		
<b>Week 5</b>		
Tue 12 Nov	1.10pm - 3.20 pm	M1
Fri 15 Nov	11.30am - 12.30pm	M1
	1.10 pm - 2.20 pm	M1
<b>Week 6</b>		
Mon 18 Nov	12.30pm - 3.20pm	M1
Wed 20 Nov	12.30pm - 3.20pm	M1
Fri 22 Nov	11.15am - 12.10pm	M1
<b>Week 7</b>		
Mon 25 Nov	12.30pm - 3.20pm	M1
Wed 27 Nov	12.30pm - 3.20pm	M1
Thu28 Nov	11.30pm - 12.30pm	M1



SCIENCE

Week 1-5 Year 11 Science

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime			Year 11 Science B11		
After school		STUDY CENTRE in LIBRARY Year 11 Science	Year 11 Science B11	Year 11 Science B11	

WEEK 4 - 8 SCIENCE TUTORIALS - in Room B11

Week Five; 11-15 Nov TUTORIALS	11 Nov L2 CHE 1-3 L3 BIO 1:15 - 3:20	12 Nov SCHOL PHY EXAM AM L2CHE 9 - 12 L3BIO 11:30 - 3:20	13 Nov L2 CHE EXAM AM L3 BIO EXAM PM L2/3 PHY 9-12 L3BIO 9 - 1:30	14 Nov L2/3 PHY 1 - 3:30	15 Nov L2/3 PHY 9 -12
Week Six; 18-22 Nov TUTORIALS	18 Nov SCHOL CHEM EXAM AM	19 Nov L2 PHY 9-12	20 Nov L2/3 PHY 9-12	21 Nov L2/3 PHY 1 - 3:30	22 Nov L2 PHY EXAM AM SCHOL BIO EXAM PM
Week Seven; 25-29 Nov TUTORIALS	25 Nov L3 PHY 12 - 3:30	26 Nov L3 PHY EXAM AM			

MATHS

WEEK 5 11-15 November	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Year 11 Finish	Friday New Entrant Day
Lunchtime			L3STA (JBS, CSN)		
Period 4		L3STA (JBS)			
Period 5		L3STA (JBS, CSN)	L3STA (JBS, CSN)		

DRAMA

Mon 11 Nov Per 3 P4B

HISTORY

Fri 15 Nov Per 5 F1 L2  
Mon 18 Nov Per 1 F1 L2

ECONOMICS

Saturdays from 1.30pm in F8

FOOD & NUTRITION

Level 3  
Wed 20 Nov 10.00-11.00  
Fri 22 Nov 9.50-10.45  
Mon 25 Nov 10.00-11.00

Level 2  
Fri 22 Nov 10am C6  
Mon 25 Nov 10am C6

MEDIA STUDIES

In the Library Classroom:  
Level 2  
Mon 18 Nov Per 3 - Per 4  
  
Level 3  
Thu 21 Nov Per 3 - Per 4

ACCOUNTING

Mon 11 Nov Per 2/3 (SBK) Yr 13  
Tue 12 Nov Per 4 (KD) Yr 13

## SCIENCE NEWS

### Year 12 Students Excel in Chemistry Olympiad

This year, six of our dedicated Year 12 students—Samuel Elder, Calin Grice, Hailey Macpherson, Andrew Roulston, Natalie Snoek, and Megan Wheeler—took part in the prestigious Chemistry Olympiad NZ. The Chemistry Olympiad is a national competition that challenges students to extend their understanding of chemistry beyond the classroom. It involves rigorous training and assessments, pushing participants to tackle advanced chemical concepts and problem-solving. Special congratulations to Samuel, Calin, and Andrew, who

achieved Bronze Awards, earning them a place in the next round. This accomplishment means they will have the opportunity to take part in more intensive training and further assessments, which could potentially lead to representing New Zealand in the International Chemistry Olympiad. Their hard work and dedication have truly paid off, and we are excited to see where their journey in chemistry will take them! *Pic. below L-R: Calin, Samuel and Andrew.*

### Year 10 and 11

We had Professor Dave Warren and his student from Otago University visiting as part of the He Ao Hou & Murihiku Regeneration project. They worked with Year 10 and 11 classes exploring the idea of creating and using hydrogen as a fuel and using this to run vehicles. Some raced away....others did not!



### Science Road Show Junior Campus



Our students were lucky enough to attend the Science Roadshow. Rangatahi enjoyed fun hands on learning activities which included infrared cameras, placing human body parts back together, digestion, food and nutrition, and the swinging chair.



# University Scholarships

## 150th Entrance Scholarship

Arianna Whyte  
Emily Oliver  
Lucy Cooper  
Paige Spencer

## Academic Excellence Scholarship

James Fiskien  
Sarah Hay

## Leaders of Tomorrow

Blake Griffiths  
Charlotte Dassen  
Fahim Firdaus  
Jess Ballantyne  
Paige Raines  
Sam Schol  
Sophie Byrne  
Tequin Lake  
Emerson Dahldavis

## Maori Entrance Scholarship

Keita Ruwhiu  
Azealia Sellwood  
Ella de Garnham  
Jorja McIntosh

## New Frontiers Excellence

Alex Zernov  
Brady Cameron  
Ronan O'Connor

## Pacific Peoples' Scholarship

Ethan Tanner

## Performance Scholarship

Laurny Fleming

## Ralph & Eve Seelye Academic Excellence

Gavith Mohattalage

## Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship

Phoenix Youngdaeng  
Ron Geilik  
Ruby Hickey

## Canterbury University Go Waitaha Canterbury Scholarship

Charlotte Dassen  
Tequin Lake

## Auckland University New Entrance Scholarship

Charlotte Dassen  
Sarah Hay

## Victoria University

Inigo Catu

## Scott Richardson Secondary Schools Scholarship

Ansharina Therese Laud

## Pacific International Hotel Management School

Ansharina Therese Laud



# ILT Scholarships

ILT's desire is to provide the opportunity to undertake tertiary education, or equivalent learning, to assist students to be better prepared for their chosen career pathway. The scholarships are valued at \$6000 over three years.

Congratulations to the following JHC students who have been awarded ILT Scholarships for 2025.

Samara Beck  
Sophie Byrne  
Brady Cameron  
Lucy Cooper

Emerson Dahldavis  
Charlotte Dassen  
Oliver Drake  
James Dyer  
Fahim Firdaus  
James Fiskien  
Ethan Giles  
Sarah Hay  
Ruby Hickey

Robson McKee  
Ronan O'Connor  
Emily Oliver  
Keita Ruwhiu  
Sam Schol  
Jack Seeler  
Ethan Tanner  
Alex Zernov



## OPEN HOURS

Term 4, 2024 (14 Oct - 20 Dec)

Monday - Friday  
9.00am - 5.00pm

Saturday  
9.00am - 4.00pm

Monday 28 Oct - Labour Day - CLOSED

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# Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Awards



Congratulations to Thomas Byatt and Noah Hackett being awarded Bronze certificates.

## Youthmark Awards

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JHC is incredibly proud to celebrate our Youthmark Award recipients for 2024. This award is funded by the ILT with the purpose of recognising Southland students who excel. Fifty awards are given out each year and all Southland Secondary Schools are allocated a number of awards based on their Year 13 roll numbers. This year JHC was allocated 13 awards. Excelling in their chosen areas of cultural pursuits, sport and leadership the students demonstrate the school values both in and out of school, on and off the national and world stages.

### Blake Griffiths

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Blake is being celebrated for his remarkable achievements in badminton, a sport he has dedicated himself to since 2017. His journey with Southland Badminton has been marked by significant growth, leading to his selection in the mainland team in 2021 and continued representation for the South Island, which has opened doors to many opportunities.

In 2024, Blake's team secured 4th place at the Yonex Junior Teams' Nationals in Palmerston North, narrowly missing a bronze medal. He has been recognised with several awards at Southland prize givings, including Best Junior Player and Most Improved Junior Player. Recently ranked 5th in New Zealand for U19 Men's singles, Blake has consistently shown improvement, winning every event in Otago U19 in early 2024.

Blake has also excelled in school competitions, winning the Southland Secondary Schools Badminton competition each year since 2020 and adding a South Island Secondary Schools title in 2021. Beyond sports, he actively engages in peer tutoring, assists with parent-teacher conferences, and contributes as a student council member.

Blake plans to pursue a Bachelor of Commerce with a major in accounting at Otago University while continuing to hone his badminton skills.



### Charlotte Dassen

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Charlotte is being recognised for her outstanding achievements and dedicated service to the school.

She has made significant contributions as a leader of the International Friendship Club and a member of Peer Support, the Senior Student Council, and the LEO Club. In 2024, she excelled as the editor of the 'Interrobang' magazine and a designer of the Year 13 Yearbook. A keen netball player, Charlotte has also coached a school netball team for three seasons, giving back to her sporting community.

In the cultural sphere, Charlotte makes the most of any opportunity. Having participated in numerous regional debating competitions, she also frequently volunteered behind the scenes at school productions. Throughout her schooling, she has been involved in speech competitions, where she enjoyed the opportunity to communicate her passionate ideas. Academically, Charlotte has achieved Excellence Endorsements in NCEA Level 1 and 2, along with several subject endorsements.

Charlotte attributes her success to her excellent communication with other leaders and organisers, and her genuine commitment to volunteering for causes she cares about. She embodies the school's values and is authentic in all she does.

Charlotte plans to study for a Bachelor of Laws while continuing her involvement in service and cultural activities.





## Devon Pirini

Devon is being recognised for his achievements in sports and leadership.

An accomplished sportsperson, Devon has been identified as a talented basketballer, footballer and rugby player. Lately, he has been focusing on basketball, culminating in opportunities to attend New Zealand age group trials and talent camps.

Devon's leadership skills are clearly evident. This year he has held the roles of the 2024 Head Boy at James Hargest College, and Captain of the U18 Southland Basketball team and the James Hargest College 1st V.

He believes in leading from the front by setting high expectations for himself first. He works alongside others to analyse the groups' strengths and weaknesses then collaborates to develop action plans that will lead to great outcomes. Devon attributes his success to being hard-working, resilient, determined and adaptable. These skills make him a fabulous role model and he has significant mana with students of all ages.

Devon has given back to the Southland Basketball community by volunteering as a coach, referee and mentor to younger players, both at a school and a regional level.

In the future, Devon hopes to apply his skills to gain an Engineering Degree through the University of Canterbury.

## George Shirley

George is being recognised for his achievements in dance.

George has been honing his dance skills since 2012. His busy but organised dance schedule maintains his performance skills and helps him achieve his goals.

Throughout his time at James Hargest College, George has actively participated in numerous school activities, both performing and choreographing. He has been a key member of Showquest from 2018 to 2024, taking on a leadership role this year. George has also found success within the Dance NZ Made competition, winning numerous solos.

Regionally, George has performed in ILT Variety Shows and has been involved in four Invercargill Musical Theatre productions. He was part of a hip-hop crew that won Southland divisions from 2020 to 2022 and placed 1st nationally in New Zealand's Adult Small Crew category in 2022. Internationally, George has excelled in the APDA Syllabus, earning seven Top Tier awards, three Top International Mark awards, and completing his teaching certificate and Solo Seals.

With resilience and passion for his art form, George enjoys challenging himself and helping the next generation grow. Next year, George plans to study Performing Arts at an elite performing arts school in Australia and establish a professional career in the industry.



# Lucy Cooper

Lucy is being recognised for her sporting achievements in aerobic gymnastics.

Since 2017, Lucy has qualified and been selected to represent Southland at the National Gymnastics Championships every year. In 2024, she was also selected to represent New Zealand at the Australian National Gymnastics Championships, placing 12th in Level 9 and achieving the highest score among non-Australians.

Lucy has placed at numerous regional and national competitions, most recently gaining 1st at the 2024 NZ Secondary Schools National Championships. Her high scores for her grade have been recognised at various national championships.

Academically, Lucy was Endorsed with Excellence in Levels 1 and 2, received several subject endorsements, and was part of the 100 Club in 2022. In 2024, she has demonstrated leadership at school as a House Captain, LEO Leader and Peer Support Leader.

In addition to competing, Lucy coaches young athletes and judges at regional competitions, enjoying the opportunity to give back. She plans to advance her qualifications in both arenas. Lucy’s dedication to training and support from her coach and family are key to her success. She intends to study first-year Health Science at the University of Otago while continuing to train and compete in Aerobic Gymnastics.



# Paige Raines

Paige is being celebrated for her achievements in badminton, a sport she has represented Southland in for the past eight years, including the Southland Senior Team for the past two years. Since 2021, she has represented the South Island team.

Recently, Paige achieved a notable victory with first place at the NZ Junior Nationals in Division 2. Her consistent success includes multiple first places at Southland Secondary Schools championships since 2020 and achieving the South Island Secondary Schools title in 2021, with a second-place finish in 2022 and 2023.

Currently ranked 8th in New Zealand for U19 mixed doubles, Paige was honoured as the top performer in badminton for Southland Secondary Schools in 2022. Her standout performances include winning the Mixed Doubles at Otago U19 early in 2024, and numerous Junior Southland and South Island titles.

Paige’s dedication, love for the sport, and strong time management skills have significantly contributed to her success and personal growth. Despite challenges and formidable opponents, Paige remains focused on achieving her goals, showcasing her ongoing commitment to continuous improvement.

Next year, Paige plans to pursue primary teaching at the University of Otago while continuing to excel in representative badminton and future regional tournaments.



# Roland Cameron

Roland is being recognised for his outstanding all-round achievements.

Since 2018, he has excelled in debating, securing a place on the Southland regional team in 2022, 2023, and 2024. As a senior, Roland has become an integral member of the James Hargest Debate Club, leading coaching sessions and organising practices and debates.

Beyond debating, Roland has been actively involved in various school groups. In 2024, he served on the LEO Leadership Team, participated in the International Friendship Club, and sang in the Ancora choir. He also played a lead role in the Major Production. Additionally, Roland has excelled in chess, competing in regional tournaments since 2021.

Academically, he has achieved highly across a wide variety of areas, earning Excellence Endorsements and joining the highly prestigious 100 Club in both 2022 and 2023. He has also gained distinction in Otago University Science and Mathematics quizzes. In 2024, as a Year 13 student, he was accepted into MATH199 at the University of Canterbury. Roland attributes his success to effective study techniques, strong time management skills and a relentless drive to achieve his best. Next year, Roland plans to study a Bachelor of Actuarial Science while continuing to pursue his passions.



# Ryan McAllister

Ryan is being recognised for his significant contributions to James Hargest College.

As Deputy Head Boy, Ryan has demonstrated leadership, responsibility, and the ability to inspire others. His participation in many activities highlights his versatility and commitment.

Ryan’s passion for Kapa Haka has always been evident. As a dedicated member of the Hemi Hakana Kapa Haka group, he competed at Nga Putangitangi in 2019 and Te Hautonga in 2021 and 2023. In 2023, he honourably took on the role of Kaitātaki Tane, leading the group to 3rd place overall. This role earned him the Te Kaitautoko Upoko Award, demonstrating his mana and stage presence.

Ryan’s school involvement includes basketball which he has played since year 7 and coached in his senior years. He has also played touch rugby and Kī-ō-rahi, further demonstrating his selfless and authentic ethos. Academically, Ryan has consistently strived for excellence, earning a Blues award in 2023. This reflects his diligence in achieving high standards.

As a role model, Ryan embodies the school values in all he does and is always encouraging others. He credits his success to his supportive whānau and friends. Ryan truly is a superlative leader with immense mana and humility.

# Ryan Smith

Ryan is being recognised for his all-round achievements. He has demonstrated wide-ranging aptitude in many areas, however, it has been playing bagpipes and hockey in which he has consistently excelled.

Ryan has been a regular Southland age group representative in hockey for many years. His skills and knowledge have been recognised as a key member of the leadership team and captain of the school’s First IX Hockey Team in 2024. Ryan’s dedication to the sport has seen him give back to the community through assistant coaching and umpiring in Southland-wide competitions.

Playing the bagpipes has also been a passion for Ryan and an area in which he continues to impress. He is the James Hargest Ceremonial Piper and has previously been a member ILT City of Invercargill Pipe Band Grade 1 and the New Zealand Youth Band.

Ryan attributes his success to having a supportive family who instilled in him the importance of being hard-working, goal-driven and determined. These values help him to recognise that talent alone is no guarantee of success and that he must constantly strive to improve.

Next year, Ryan intends to study Nursing while continuing to pursue his interests.



# Sam Schol

Sam is being celebrated for her outstanding achievements in aerobics. She has been passionate about dance since childhood, specialising in aerobics where she has consistently achieved at the highest level.

She has showcased her talents at numerous NZCAF competitions on both regional and national stages, participating in solo, duo, and team categories. Sam has consistently performed well in these events by frequently clinching first, second, or third placements. Her prowess has extended internationally, notably winning gold with her team in a competitive FISAF category at a Melbourne competition.

Beyond competing, Sam embraces other roles. She has mentored younger athletes and served as a Showquest Leader, House Captain, and Peer Support Leader. She has also given back to the school community through clubs such as the LEO club and the PAL’s leadership course. Sam has been involved in various extracurricular activities such as Hands-on Otago and the Sydney Antarctica Science Trip.

Sam’s success stems from her dedication to her craft and proactive approach to opportunities. Sam intends to pursue a Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Otago with a minor in dance, ensuring her passion for dance remains a vital part of her journey.





## Samara Beck

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Samara is being recognised for her musical achievements. This passion began in Out of School Music Classes and she has been playing the cornet since 2016. She contributes to the music community by assisting beginner classes and mentoring other brass students, while also giving service to the school as a Peer Support Leader and Treasurer of the LEO Club.

Currently, Samara plays the cornet in the Ascot Park Hotel Brass Band, one of the top brass bands in NZ. She has also been accepted into the National Secondary Schools Brass Band, where in 2022 she was awarded Best Soloist as the flugelhorn player for the Development Band, and last year she played cornet in the main band.

Beyond brass bands, Samara has been the keyboardist in the Southland Youth Jazz Band, performing at events across the South Island. At Chamber Music earlier this year, Samara's percussion ensemble won the regional contest. At school, she has participated in jazz and concert bands and was awarded first place in Music in 2023, achieving an Excellence Endorsement in NCEA Level 2 Music. She credits her success to her hardworking attitude and determination.

Samara intends to study medical imaging while continuing her musical endeavours.

## Sarah Hay

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Sarah is being recognised for her academic achievements.

Sarah has excelled in both academic and extracurricular activities. In Year 12, she was named Top Scholar for the year at James Hargest College. In both Year 11 and Year 12, she gained overall Excellence Endorsement and subject Excellence in all her NCEA Level 1 and 2 subjects, with over 100 Excellence credits each year. Additionally, Sarah was recognised as the 2022 NZCETA Top Scholar in Economics.

Beyond academics, Sarah has explored many avenues at school. She is a House Captain, a member of the Senior Council and on the Library Leadership Committee. She also enjoys playing hockey, which she has been playing with the Senior Campus since Year 8 and has been a member of the first XI for four years.

A core value for Sarah is her love of learning, which drives her to seek out new knowledge and skills, fostering a mindset of continuous improvement. Her success is driven by a strong work ethic and a commitment to excellence in all her endeavours. Looking ahead, she intends to study Health Sciences next year and continue to make the most of all opportunities.





# Tequin Lake

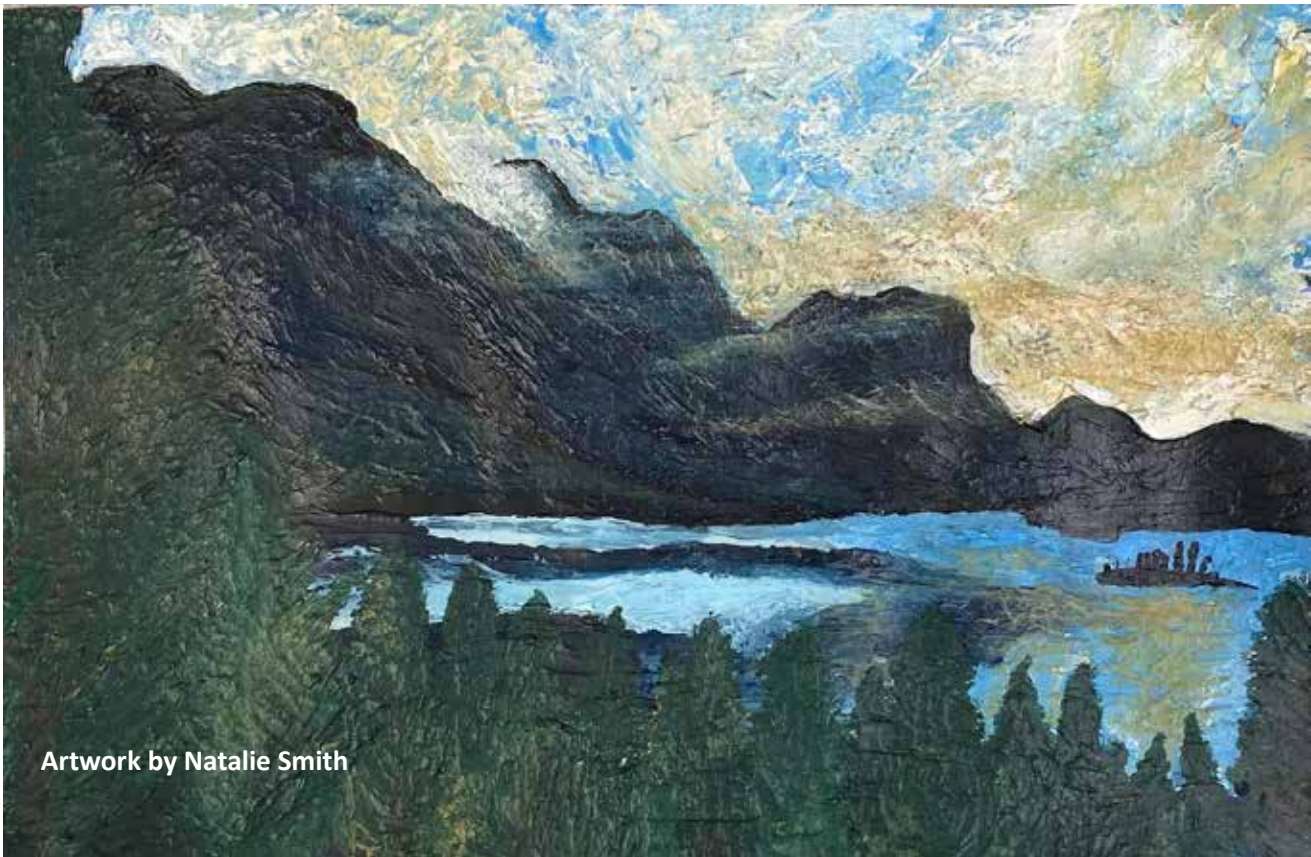
Tequin is recognised for his outstanding academic achievements.

In 2024, he earned a gold medal in the New Zealand Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge, showcasing exceptional problem-solving skills. At the Rotary Science and Technology Forum at Auckland University, he served as the lead programmer for the Shark Tank project.

In 2023, Tequin excelled in game design, winning the top student trophy in the Game Art and Design Star Course at the Southern Institute of Technology. His team also won first place at the national Grapple Engineering competition. Additionally, he achieved an Excellence Endorsement in Digital Technologies- Programming at Level 3 while still in Year 12.

Tequin and his team demonstrated remarkable coding abilities in the NZ Informatics Competition and Programming Contest, narrowly missing second place. Beyond academics, he participated in the Southland Regional Debating Competition and received Blues Awards for Academic Excellence at NCEA Levels 1 and 2. In netball, Tequin was captain for Southland Men’s Under 17 and played for the Under 23 during the 2023 National Competitions.

With plans to create an indie game development company, Tequin wants to continue to inspire his peers with his strong work ethic and commitment to excellence.





# Grass Kart Day



After building the Grass Karts throughout the year, the Level 2 Mechanical Engineering classes headed out to Central Southland College grounds to compete in the Southland Secondary Schools Grass Kart Challenge.

It was a beautiful day, perfect for racing. The competition included Construction, Team Presentation, Book Keeping and the highly contested Performance categories.

All karts performed well and proved reliable and raceworthy for almost all of the day, with only occasional quick visits to the pits for tweaks or repairs.

The Yellow James Hargest team - Shane Jones, Benjamin Whelan, Andrew Roulston, Luke Kelsall and Mark Payne - took out the Overall School Trophy with 1st place in Performance, 1st place in the Hayden Pope memorial Relay Race, 2nd in Construction and 3rd in Appearance. Congratulations to everyone involved!





# LEO CLUB - HAUNTED HARGEST



Thank you so much to our community for their support of Haunted Hargest. Our LEO Club worked hard to create this event and we are very proud to report that the total event raised \$5000 for our chosen charites. We hope our community enjoyed the evening and all of the young children could get to sleep!







## Striving for Success!

Please encourage your daughter/son in Years 12 and 13 to strive for Excellence! NZQA recognises high achievement through official endorsements as follows:

**Certificate Endorsement:** If you gain 50 credits at Excellence your NCEA will be endorsed with Excellence. If you gain 50 credits at Merit (or a mix of Merit and Excellence) your NCEA will be endorsed with Merit.

**Course Endorsement:** If in a single year you gain 14 or more credits at Merit and/or Excellence for a course (subject), you will gain endorsement in that course. At least 3 credits must be from externally assessed standards and 3 credits from internally assessed standards in that course (Note: this condition does not apply to Physical Education or Level 3 Visual Arts).

**100 Club:** Students who get 100 Excellence credits are invited to join our elite 100 Club!

Hargest has a fine tradition of students excelling at the top end. This doesn't happen by accident. It takes serious planning, goal setting and hard work. Students have access to all the resources, tutorials, dedicated teachers and support from home to help them reach these goals.

## NCEA Progress through KAMAR

Please note that you can keep track of your child's progress and attendance on the KAMAR web portal (available through the Hargest web site [www.jameshargest.school.nz](http://www.jameshargest.school.nz)).

**Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe me he maunga teitei**

*Aim for the highest cloud so that if you miss it, you will hit a lofty mountain*

## WHĀNAU KŌRERO

### Navigating AI Relationships

Despite governments globally moving towards raising the minimum age for social media access due to mounting concerns about the negative effects on youth mental health and wellbeing, there's now an even newer challenge on the horizon - the rise of romantic and companion AI bots. These virtual companions are becoming increasingly popular with young people, raising serious questions about privacy, ethics, and the future of relationships in the digital age.

The rise of AI-powered relationships is offering a new frontier in human interaction. Initially emerging in the gaming world, AI companionship has evolved into mainstream culture, with apps providing personalised experiences that range from platonic friendships to romantic encounters. These interactions can blur

the boundaries between real and virtual relationships, creating confusion and potential psychological harm.

Criminologists warn that children as young as 12 are accessing dating apps, often bypassing age restrictions, exposing them to sexual content and predatory behaviour. Researchers have also found that many adolescents are turning to virtual partners for validation, risking unhealthy emotional attachments that can affect real-life relationships.

As AI reshapes social dynamics, it's crucial to stay informed and engaged. While AI can enhance education and creativity, it also presents challenges around privacy, mental health, and misinformation. This Special Report will help you foster an open dialogue and balanced approach to help young people navigate this evolving digital landscape.

Here is the link to your Special Report  
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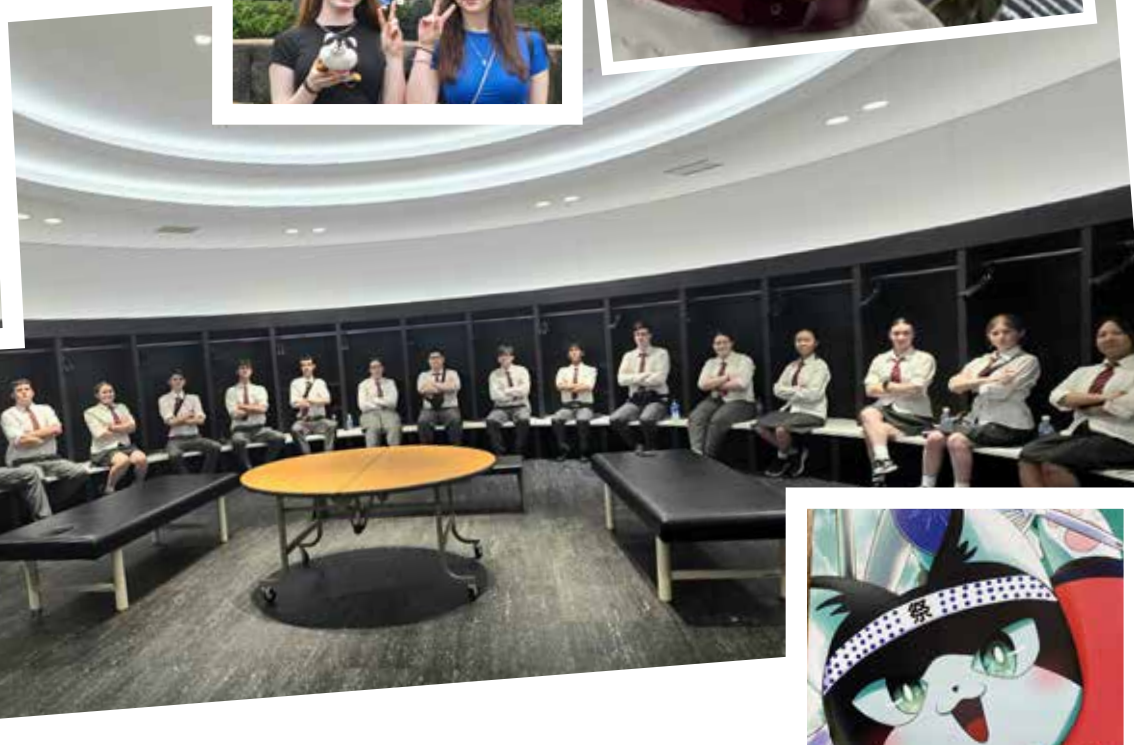
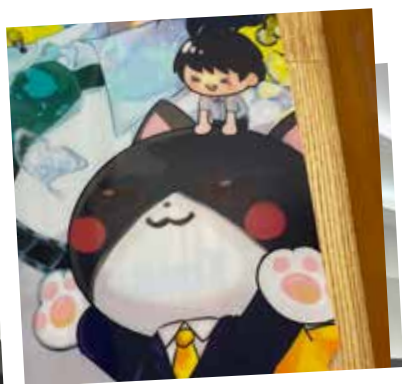


## Japan Trip

After a six-year hiatus, the long-awaited exchange program with Japan resumed this year. On September 22nd, nineteen senior students embarked on a journey to Kumagaya, Invercargill's sister city, to continue our sister-school exchange. Upon arrival, we were greeted by a humid 28°C, a drastic change from the 10°C when we left home! We were fortunate to explore historical sites like Naritasan Shinshōji Temple, built in 940 AD, and the cutting-edge Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) before settling into Kuma Nishi High School, our home for the next eight days. Our homestay experience provided an authentic glimpse into Japanese life and culture, boosting our students' confidence in speaking Japanese. At Kuma Nishi, we participated in special cultural classes, including origami and judo, and ventured on exciting excursions like white-water rafting on traditional boats in Nagatoro.

As our time in Kumagaya drew to a close, we bid a sad farewell to our hosts before travelling to the vibrant city of Tokyo, our base for the next five days. We marvelled at the history within the city, such as the stunning Sensō-ji Temple in Asakusa and the serene Meiji Shrine in Shibuya, and immersed ourselves in the bustling streets of Harajuku, Akihabara, and Ikebukuro. We ascended the world's tallest tower, the Skytree, and navigated the labyrinthine Tokyo Metro. Our last few days in Japan were filled with fun and unique experiences: cosy cat cafes, lively karaoke sessions, captivating Teamlab (an immersive art installation), endless shopping opportunities, and exciting arcade games.

This unforgettable adventure has forged lifelong friendships, and many of us eagerly anticipate returning to this incredible country. It was truly the trip of a lifetime.









## Student Support Centre



For the past 6 months Year 10 SSC students have been involved in trapping pests at Sandy Point and Omaui. They have also conducted native planting activities with ICC Parks and Reserves and the Invercargill Y. Word got out to SIRCET (Stewart Island/ Rakiura Community Environment Trust) who invited us to the island to check out their conservation efforts. We headed across on August 22nd with RealNZ generously sponsoring the ferry trip and Mamaku Point was our port of call for the overnight stay. Students spent the first afternoon being shown the penguin rehab centre and clearing trap lines behind Half Moon Bay - including bagging up rats for Otago University to dissect as part of ongoing research project. After a spot of wharf fishing we then took a night walk down to a local beach looking for kiwi (no success) and then jumped in the van to continue the search on the local roads (much success). The following morning we pricked out 100's of native seedlings at the local community nursery and travelled to a secret location to get paua for lunch. After so many steps in 30 hours there was a tired ākonga or two who made the trip back to Bluff on Friday afternoon. Many thanks to Sonny (ICC), Robyn (Y), John and Stefan (parents) and Ms Yeo for making sure everything ran smoothly and keeping us in line.



## Year 10 Exams

Monday 11 November, 9:00am - 11:00am: English

Tuesday 12 November, 1:15pm - 3:15pm: Science

Thursday 14 November, 1:15pm - 3:15pm: Social Studies



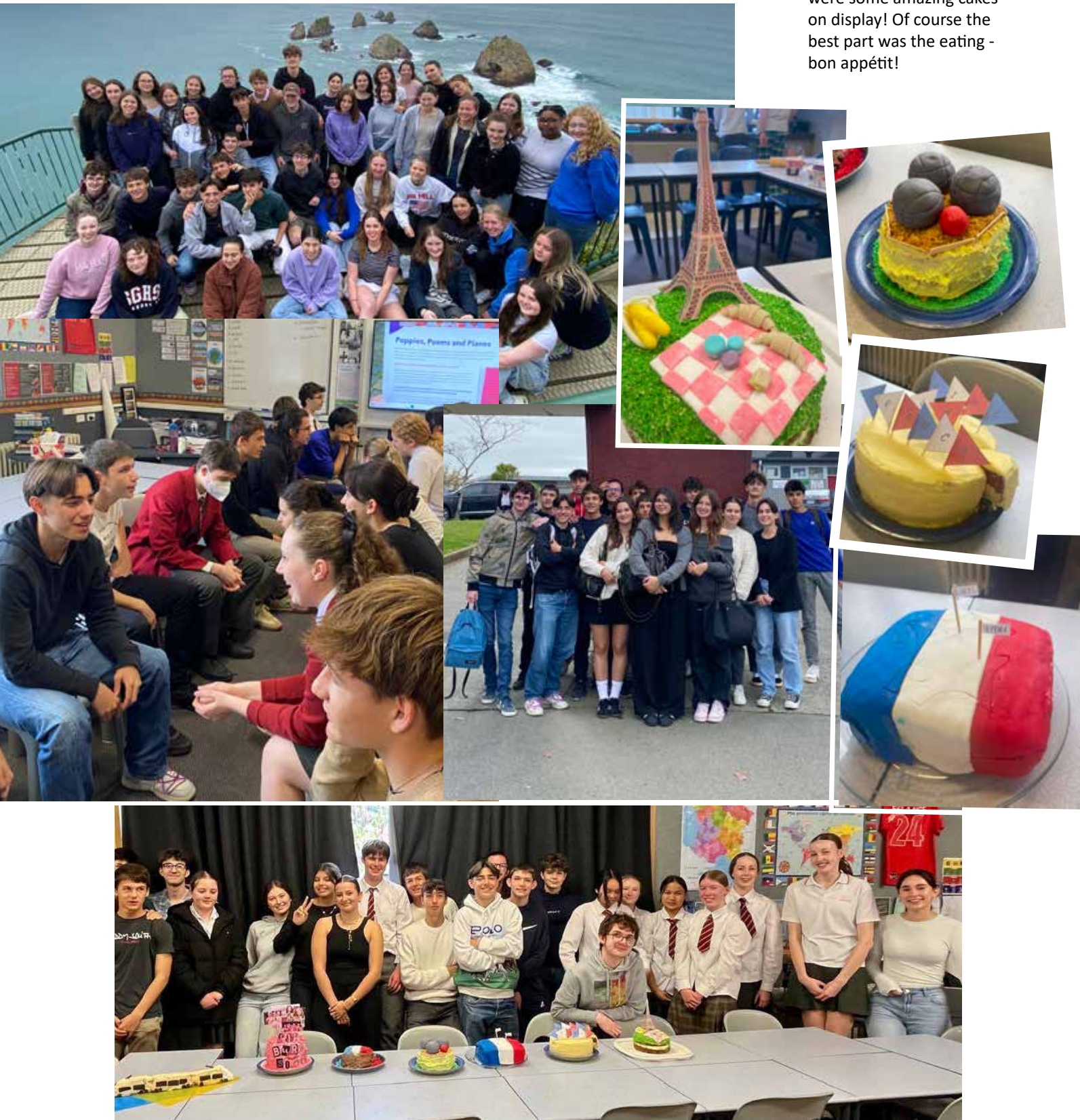


# French Exchange

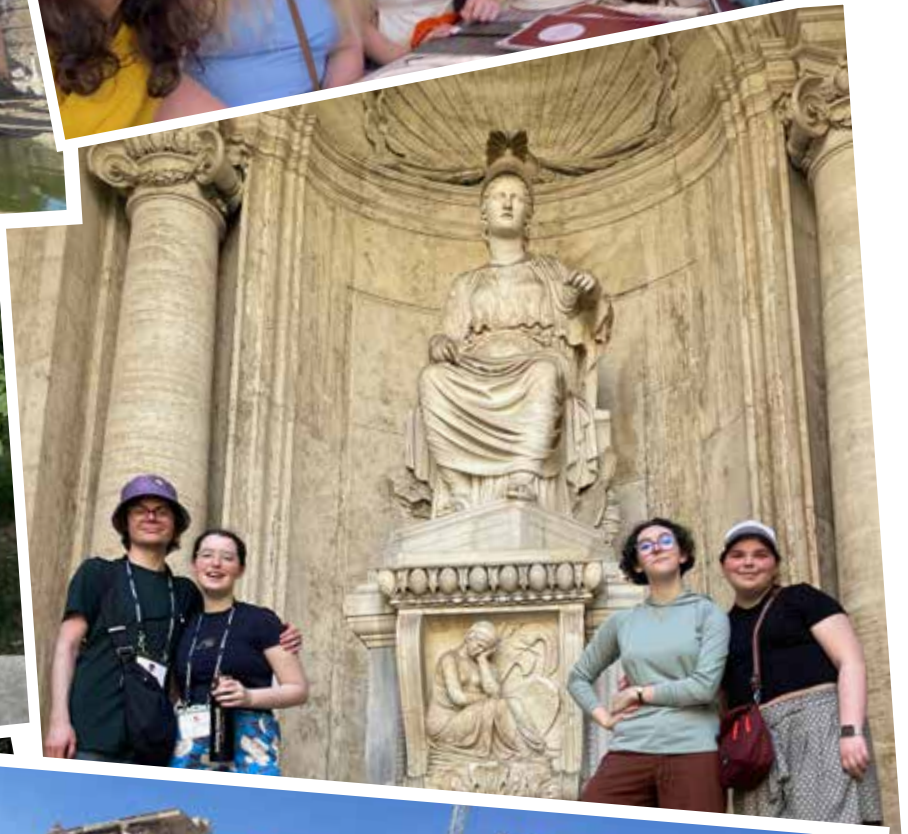
The Senior French class has recently hosted a group of students from Lycée Lalande, France. This was part of the exchange that we took to their school in April along with Southland Girls' High. It was wonderful to welcome them to Invercargill and show them kiwi hospitality. They got to try different subjects such as Food and Nutrition, and te reo Māori, as well as joining in with French classes and various visits around Southland with their hosts.

# Annual French Cake Competiton

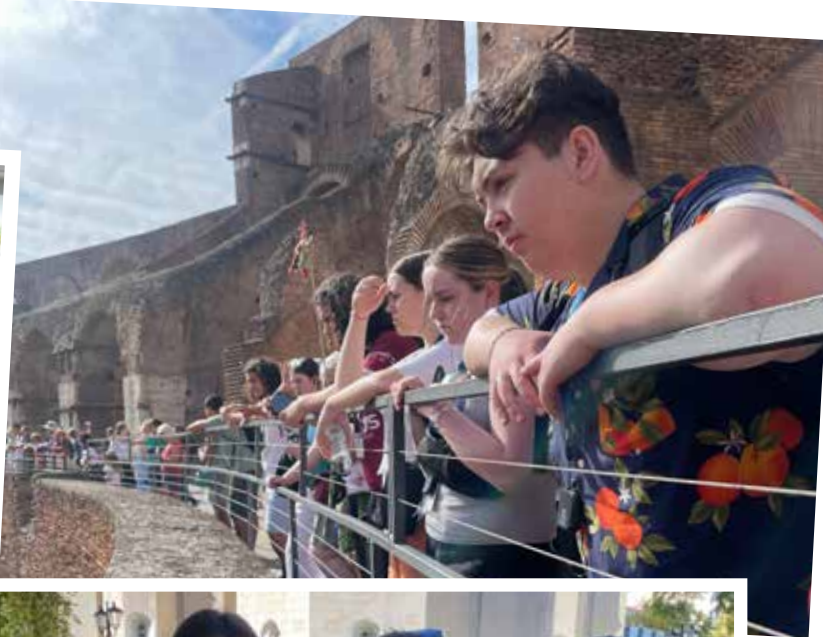
The Senior French class and their French hosts competed in a class cake competition at the end of the French exchange. This is always a highly fought contest and there were some amazing cakes on display! Of course the best part was the eating - bon appétit!











## Classics Trip

September 26th marked the beginning of a rather large journey. 40 people, a mixture of students, teachers and parents, all began their journey to Italy and Greece. After at least 26 hours of flying we finally landed in Italy. Met with warm temperatures we travelled to Rome. Rome was full of ancient wonders that we were able to explore such as the Colosseum and even a Gladiator training experience. Plenty of pasta, pizza and gelato was consumed. After 3-4 days we ended up in Sorrento. From there we explored the city and many of its ancient museums. Along with a day trip to offshore island Capri, we concluded our time in Italy. After an overnight ferry ride we finally made our way to Greece. Greece was filled with more ancient wonders such as the Parthenon sitting atop its hill, and we explored the ancient city of Delphi. When it was said and done we took another 25-ish hours of flying and finally ended up back in little old Invercargill. Huge thank you to everyone who came on the trip and to those adults who were willing to tag along with us. This is a once in a lifetime trip and was a wonderful experience to be able to partake in.

*Draven Booth*



# ENGLISH

## Speech Competition

### Junior

A small group of Year 9 and 10 students challenged themselves and each other in the Public Speaking arena on Wednesday 23 October 2024. At the Year 9 level, Minyi Xia placed First with a passionate and personal speech about her experiences as an international student at Hēmi Hākena. Ben Hargest and Preethi Ravindran tied for First Place in the Year 10 competition with very different speeches and very different skill sets. Our thanks to Mrs Anna McDowall for her adjudicating skills and thoughtful comments, and a big congratulations to all students for standing up in public and sharing their thoughts with us.

### Senior

On Wednesday 25 September 2024 the Senior Speech Competition was held. This was adjudicated by Darren Ludlow. He was treated to a wide variety of oral presentations from poetic reflections to feminist observations! Congratulations to the following students as the winners of their Year Level:

Year 11 Samantha Lemm  
Year 12 Hayley Macpherson  
Year 13 Isla Reynolds

Mr Ludlow was so impressed by the voices and expressions of thought that, in his role as Station Manager for Radio Southland, he extended the opportunity for some of the speakers to present their ideas for podcasts, developing new resources for local radio.

## Interrobang Creative Arts Magazine

Each year, James Hargest College produces the Interrobang creative arts and writing magazine with work submitted from Hargest students. On Wednesday the 23rd of October, an audience of 61 came together to celebrate the 2024 edition of Interrobang. The most we have ever had!

The evening featured contributors talking about their work and the creative process. We were treated to stunning readings by the authors, such as Hailey Macpherson reading her incredibly moving writing 'What Did I Know?' and Irene Tendean reading an extract of her beautiful story 'Lovesick Fool'. Savindu Konthasingha Acharige and Jay Wright both described their creative process for their magnificent paintings. It was interesting to hear what inspires the community to create artwork. We were lucky to have the Interrobang designers, Carly Fraser and Harris Evans, talk about the final product.



It was a tremendous privilege to hear from guest speaker Poet Laureate Cilla McQueen, whose speech reminded us of the value of our art. She beautifully highlighted each magazine piece and shared her poem, 'Winter'. Congratulations to all contributors of the final magazine. The editors team would like to pass a thank you to Cilla McQueen, Carly and Harris, and all of the teachers involved. We would also like to thank Mr James for his long-running service to interrobang for the past 9 years. The end product is a fantastic taonga for all involved. We hope to see you again next year.





## Volleyball

### Junior Campus

Well done to the JHJC Y8 Girls and Boys volleyball teams who played some fantastic games at the Volley South Junior Champs in the Y9/10 section. The girls won some games, had some close losses, and should be proud of how they played, supported each other and kept their enthusiasm - even after eight hours!

The boys had a great time. Coming up against players two years older was always going to be a challenge, but the boys held their own, pinching a set against NSC and pushing the other teams hard. They learnt heaps and their game developed immensely throughout the day.

Thank you also to all of the families who came along to support them.

Thanks to the Godsall-Folsters for support with duty at the end of the day.

## Target Shooting New Zealand

### Secondary Schools Postal Shooting Competition

Hargest Team 1 placed 4th  
Flynn Russel, Liam Graham and Blake Cooper

Hargest Team 2 placed 11th  
Dexter Mead, William Peddie and Zander Kleinhaus

#### OVERALL INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS

Flynn Russell \*Top ranked boy overall! #1 in NZ\*  
1st out of 71 shooters! Score 200.13

Liam 35th  
Blake 29th

## NZ Gymnastics Nationals

These are the results for the NZ Gymnastic Nationals:

1st Aerodance Group (Lucy Cooper, Mikayla Mortimer, Rachel Rees, Samantha Gibbs)  
1st Individual Level 9 - Lucy Cooper  
2nd Individual Level 8 - Rachel Rees  
3rd Individual Level 8 - Mikayla Mortimer  
4th Individual Level 8 - Samantha Gibbs  
1st Level 9 Pair - Lucy Cooper, Rachel Rees  
3rd Level 8 Pair - Mikayla Mortimer, Samantha Gibbs  
Lucy Cooper was also presented with her certificate for representing NZ in Australia earlier this year as part of the NZ Gymnastics Team.

Mens Artistic Gymnastics  
2nd Level 8 Floor - Robson McKee  
4th Level 8 Rings - Robson McKee  
6th Level 8 P Bars - Robson McKee  
7th Level 8 High Bars - Robson McKee





## Cycling

James Hargest College entered a great team for the Regional and National Schools Track Championships. Made up of riders from years 7/8 through to year 13 and with a mix of new and seasoned riders, the event was always going to produce some great results, and the riders definitely didn't disappoint. There was a range of achievements for individuals in the omnium at Regional and National levels through to the teams events for years 7/8, U16 and U20s Girls and Boys. Zach Hibbs had some good results on the track. He won the 2000m scratch race and came 3rd overall for Nationals and 1st in South Island.

Fino Youngdaeng came 3rd in the South Island in the Standing 250m Sprint as well as Emily Forsyth placing 2nd in the South Island and Nationally for the U17 girls Omnium. The U20s Boys (Finn Edwards, Jonathan Blyth, George Manson) took out the South Island and National title in the Team Sprint as well as the U20 Girls (Zadie Scott, Emily Forsyth, Sarah Hartstonge) sprint team came 1st in the South Island and 2nd Nationally. The end result for all this fantastic hard work resulted in James Hargest gaining enough points Nationally to take out Silver against all the schools that competed. Awesome work team!

## Chess Power National Tournament

Congratulations, we are very proud of our James Hargest students Tamsyn Campbell, Mehul Girhotra, Martin Bannister, Max Wilson and Clark Manson for placing 10th overall in New Zealand for the Chess Power national championship tournament held on 26 October 2024. A special credit to Tamsyn Campbell (pictured) for placing 3rd overall in the girl's competition.

### Team event

Tamsyn Campbell	= 26th
Mehul Girhotra	= 40th
Martin Bannister	= 55th
Max Wilson	= 57th
Clark Manson	= 59th



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## Parent, Caregiver, Whānau and Community Engagement

At James Hargest College we are always interested in engaging with our community and listening to parents, whānau and the wider community. If you have any good ideas or there is something special that has happened regarding Hargest, or there are issues, concerns or complaints we should be aware of, please contact the school office Senior Campus (2176129) or Junior Campus (2179250) or via email, [office@jameshargest.school.nz](mailto:office@jameshargest.school.nz). You will be put in contact with an appropriate staff member

## Information Updates

If you have any changes to your details (e.g. address, phone numbers, medical details, emergency contacts, etc), please let the school know as soon as possible in order to keep our records up-to-date.

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or phone 2176129

or Mrs Cribb (Junior Campus) at

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or phone 2179250

## E-mail Newsletters

The next newsletter will be issued via email on Friday 6 December.

Hard copies of the newsletter will be available from either the Junior or Senior Campus office.

You can view the newsletter on the Hargest web site [www.jameshargest.school.nz](http://www.jameshargest.school.nz)

## Coming Events for 2024

### Senior Campus

#### November

Thu	14	Last day for Year 11s Year 13 Graduation Dinner
Fri	15	New Entrant Day
Mon	18	Year 10 - White Ribbon Ride
Thu	21	BOT meeting in the Brig, 5:15pm, Senior Campus
Thu-Fri	28-29	Year 10 Activity Day
Fri	29	NCEA Exams finish

#### December

Mon-Tue	2-3	Documentation Day
Fri	6	Year 9 and 10 Prizegiving 12:30pm Last day of classes
Tue	10	PTA Uniform Buy Back 4:00pm, Uniform Sale 6:00pm - Senior Campus Hall

### Junior Campus

#### November

Thu	14	Book Day
Fri	15	New Entrant Day
Thu	21	BOT meeting in the Brig, 5:15pm, Senior Campus
Mon	18	All Library books returned to the Library
Fri	22	Jonty Carran Rugby Tournament
Tue	26	Year 7 Picnic
Thu	28	Year 8 Social
Fri	29	Year 8 Picnic

#### December

Tue	3	Sporting Excellence Prize Giving, 5:00pm
Wed	4	Merit Assemblies, Year 7: 11.30am, Year 8: 9.15am
Thu	5	Excellence Prizegiving 5:00pm
Fri	6	Last day of classes
Tue	10	PTA Uniform Buy Back 4:00pm, Uniform Sale 6:00pm - Senior Campus Hall
Tue-Thu	10-12	PE Gear sales at Junior Campus 3:30pm

## Year 10 Art



### Skateboard Art

L-R: Aston Couper,  
Sophie Meijer,  
Kobe Faulkner,  
Erin Wilkinson



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